

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above-identified patent application has been amended and reconsideration and re-examination are hereby requested.

Attached is a copy of the Acknowledgement Receipt for the above-indented patent application. It is noted that an IDS was included with the filing. Also attached is a copy of the list of patents cited in the IDS. There was no acknowledgement of this IDS in the Office Action mailed June 24, 2004. Consideration of the references cited therein is hereby requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly point out that " the plurality of apertures are disposed between the first seal and the second seal". It is respectfully submitted that such an arrangements is not described or suggested in either O'Sullivan (U. S. Patent No. 5,249,716) or Bassin (U. S. Patent No. 5,125,814) taken either singly or in combination.

The allowance of claims 16-30 is noted.

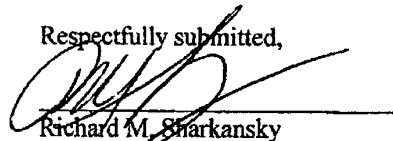
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